

USAF Declass/Release Instructions On File

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Security

CUSTOMS REGULATION

This regulation defines individual responsibility for complying with U.S. Customs regulations.

1. Policy.

a. Due to the national importance attributed to ATTG activity, compromising or endangering the priorities and special privileges granted in order to expeditiously move material, personal effects and personnel through customs will not be tolerated.

b. Visits to overseas areas where items are available at substantial savings act as an inducement to bargain hunters. Purchases may exceed the one hundred dollar personal exemption allowed by customs regulations. All personnel should bear in mind that where purchases do exceed the established exemption, the individual concerned must pay the duty which is determined by the customs officials. Under no circumstances should we become involved in any situation whereby customs regulations are evaded by storage of purchases in deployment equipment, packing cases, vehicles, or in any other manner of misrepresentation on the customs forms. A violation of customs or U.S. Air Force regulations can cause extreme embarrassment to the project and legal actions against the individual concerned. It is mandatory that all unit personnel adhere to all customs regulations.

c. For general information, U.S. Customs regulations stipulate that each traveler is allowed a \$100.00 personal exemption (retail value), which may be utilized once within a thirty-day period. The traveler is restricted to one quart of alcoholic beverages, provided that the traveler is 21 years or older. Customs regulations provide more lenient rules in regard to items purchased in the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam. On return from these areas, a \$200.00 retail value exemption is allowed, provided that no more than \$100.00 of the exemption is applied to goods obtained elsewhere. Under existing U.S. regulations both military and civilian personnel may

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bring in any quantity of liquor but duty must be paid on all over one quart. An exception in both cases is that one gallon may be returned duty free from Guam. Under existing California regulations military personnel may bring in any amount, but duty must be paid on all over one quart. Also all over one quart must be for own use on a military reservation. Civilians entering California directly from overseas may enter with one quart only, regardless where purchased.

d. The Department of Air Force has restricted the amount of liquor that may be transported aboard USAF aircraft to one (1) U.S. Gallon per person.

2. Responsibilities.

a. All personnel attached to or associated with ATTG are responsible for adherence to all customs regulations.

b. Section chiefs are responsible for ensuring that unit personnel are privy to the policies stated herein.

3. Consequences.

a. Any contraband discovered in the cargo aircraft would cause considerable embarrassment to the courier, possible compromise of the classified items on board, and delay in the movement of unit cargo. In any incident of this nature, the contraband will be turned over to customs officials, and an investigation initiated to determine the responsible individual or individuals.

b. Any individual of this organization who is apprehended violating these customs regulations will receive no assistance from the organization as it is long established headquarters policy not to interfere with due process of law.

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Para 1d added.